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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: AMBASSADOR BROWN ACTIVITIES

1. SUMMARY. REPORTING OF AMBASSADOR BROWN'S ACTIVITIES CONSISTED OF FACTUAL ACCOUNTS OF HIS APPOINTMENTS, CHARGES IN EXTREME LEFTIST PAPERS THAT AMERICAN ENCOURAGEMENT IS BEHIND PRESIDENT FRANJIEH'S DELAY IN SIGNING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, AND CONTINUED ATTACKS ON U.S. MOTIVES IN LEBANON. MOST PAPERS REPORT NOMINATION FRANCIS MALOY AS NEW U.S. AMBASSADOR TO LEBANON. END SUMMARY.

2. TWO EXTREME LEFTIST PAPERS SEEK TO LINK PRESIDENT FRANJIEH'S DELAY IN SIGNING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT OPENING WAY TO ELECTION OF HIS SUCCESSOR TO ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE U.S. PRO-IRAQ "BEIRUT" REPORTS: "PRESIDENT FRANJIEH TOLD DEPUTIES WHO VISITED HIM HE IS STAYING UNTIL THE LAST DAY OF HIS TERM AND WILL NOT RESIGN IN CASE NEW PRESIDENT IS ELECTED...FRANJIEH UNDERSTOOD FROM BROWN THAT U.S. STANDS AT HIS SIDE ANDPERHAPS UNCLASSIFIED

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THIS IS WHAT ENCOURAGES PRESIDENT TO CONTINUE TO

RUIN POLITICAL SOLUTION."

3. COMMUNIST PARTY ORGAN "AN NIDA" WRITES: JOUNI GROUP CONTINUES TO POISON ATMOSPHERE DESPITE HUNDREDS OF INNOCENT PEOPLE KILLED EVERY DAY. THIS PLOT IS DIRECTED BY SO-CALLED DIRTY AMERICAN ENVOY, MR. BROWN. SULEIMAN FRANJIEH PROCEEDS IN HIS OBSTINANCE AND DECLINES TO SIGN CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD PERMIT NEW PRESIDENT.

4. CONSERVATIVE, PRO-EGYPT "AL ANWAR" REPORTS LONG STATEMENT BY KAMAL SHATIOOA, SECRETARY GENERAL OF NASSFNITE UNION OF WORKING FORCES, WHICH WILL BE INTERPRETED AS CONTINUING SYRIAN-INSPIRED CRITICISM OF BOTH JUMBLATT AND U.S. INITIATIVES IN LEBANON. ACCORDING TO "AL ANWAR" SHATILA SAID IN PART: "THOSE WHO CLAIM TO BE LEFTISTS ARE COOPERATING WITH BROWN IN MISLEADING MASSES.. WITH HIS KNOWN ABILITY AT INTELLIGENCE, BROWN WAS ABLE TO POLARIZE SOME LEADERS WHO ARE COUNTED AS PROGRESSIVE. THESE JUSTIFIED THEIR COOPERATION WITH HIM BY SAYING...BROWN AND GOLEY WANT TO HELP LEFTISTS IN ESTABLISHING A DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM...WHAT IS REQUIRED OF NEW FRIENDS OF MR. BROWN IS THAT THEY GIVE UP THEIR SICK DREAMS. ADHERENCE TO MR. BROWN, SECRET AND PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD WITH HIM AND MESSAGES EXCHANGED WITH HIM THROUGH "GOOD OFFICES" SERVE ONLY DESIGNS OF ISOLATIONISTS."

5. SAME PAPER REPORTS SIMILAR CRITICISM OF U.S. ROLE BY NAJJADA PARTY LEADER ADNAN HAKIM WHO IS QUOTED AS SAYING "BROWN'S SUSPICIOUS MISSION IN LEBANON FALLS WITHIN CIRCLE OF CONSPIRACY" AND HAS "AIM OF BRINGING ABOUT LIQUIDATIVE SETTLEMENTS AND KEEPING AREA UNDER IMPERIALIST INFLUENCE."

6. SOME PAPERS CARRY ACCURATELY WASHINGTON RELEASE ON NOMINATION OF FRANCIS MELOY AS NEW U.S. AMBASSADOR TO LEBANON, AND MOST REPORT AMBASSADOR BROWN'S APPOINTMENTS YESTERDAY. PAPERS INDULGE IN VARIOUS SPECULATIVE REPORTS INCLUDING ONE FROM LEADING INDEPENDENT "AN UNCLASSIFIED

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NAHAR" SAYING "DR. KISSINGER WILL SOON MEET PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING IN PARIS AND THEY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY DISCUSS LEBANESE CRISIS, ESPECIALLY SINCE MR. DEAN BROWN, SPECIAL ENVOY OF PRESIDENT FORD TO LEBANON, HAS EXPRESSED FAVORABLE REACTION TO MR. GORSE'S IDEA" FOR JOINT FRENCH-SYRIAN FORCE IN LEBANON. FOR CONTRAST, "AN NAHAR" FRENCH-LANGUAGE SISTER PAPER "L'OREOREINT-LE JOUR" CONCLUDES ITS ARTICLE ON

GORSE'S ALLEGED PROPOSAL BY SAYING: "MR.DEAN BROWN,
SPECIAL ENVOY OF PRESIDENT FORD TO LEBANON, REACTED
VERY UNFAVORABLY TO IDEA AS EXPRESSED BY MR. GORSE."

7. FALANGE DAILY "AL
AMAL." REPORTS THAT IN THEIR MEETING YESTERDAY
AMBASSADOR BROWN AND HEAD OF PAPAL MISSION IN
LEBANON MARIO BRINI "DISCUSSED PLANS FOR ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL AID FROM VATICAN, U.S. AND COUNTRIES OF
FREE WORLD TO LEBANON."
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